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SUBJ: POLICE CLASH WITH WORKERS AT BEREK BATTERY FACTORY

1. POLICE ATTEMPTS TO DISPERSE STRIKERS AUGUST 18 AT BEREK BATTERY FACTORY LED TO VIOLENT CLASHES BETWEEN STRIKING PET-KIM (PETRO-CHEMICAL) UNION MEMBERS AND POLICE. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT BY TIME ORDER RESTORED APPROXIMATELY 20 POLICE AND WORKERS HAD SUFFERED INJURIES. POLICE TOOK 16 DEONNSHIATORS, INCLUDING FOUR WOMEN, INTO CUSTODY.

2. BEREK FACTORY WAS ALSO SITE OF SHOOT-OUT BETWEEN POLICE AND ARMENIAN-TURK KIRKOR ALUC WHO ALLEGEDLY IMPLICATED IN ACTIVITIES OF TURKISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (TPLA) IN 1969-71 PERIOD. ALUC REPORTED TO BE DRAFT EVADER WHO HAD WORKED UNTIL RECENTLY IN GERMANY. POLICE INVESTIGATING ALUC'S POSSIBLE TERRORIST LINKS.

3. COMMENT: VIOLENCE AT BEREK FACTORY, IS NOT SURPRISING FOLLOWING REVOLUTIONARY TRADE CONFERERATION (DISK) -**ILIATED UNIONS' DECISIONS TO MOUNT STRIKES AT PHILIPS (MADEN-IS -- METAL WORKERS), HILTON HOTEL (TURIZM IS) AND BEREK (PET-KIM IS) SITES. IN ADDITION TO ENABLING DISK TO PLAY PROMINENT ROLE, WHICH CONFEDERATION COULD

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NOT DO WHILE MARTIAL LAW WAYMIN EFFECT, STRIKES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY

FOR EXTREME LEFT ELEMENTS TO PROVOKE HARSH POLICE REACTION IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE QTE BRUTALITY QTE OF QTE FASCIST QTE NATIONALIST FRONT GOVERNMENT.
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